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SUBJ: AFRICA: SECRETARY'S BOSTON SPEECH

1. AHAM AUGUST 5 CARRIES COMMENTARY SIGNED BY STAFFER ON "US REALISM TOWARD AFRICA". ARTICLE, PRESUMABLY GENERATED BY SECRETARY'S BOSTON SPEECH, SUGGESTS US HAS BEGUN TO FASHION REALISTIC POLICY TOWARD AFRICA, WHICH IS RICH IN GOLD, URANIUM, AND DIAMONDS". WHILE SECRETARY CORRECTLY CONDEMNED RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, HE WOULD HAVE DONE BETTER, ARTICLE IMPLIES, TO HAVE SAID STRAIGHT OUT THAT WHITES ARE IMPERIALISTS. IF US IS REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT ITS NEW POLICY OF "REALISM", MANY OF UPCOMING (UNSPECIFIED) PROBLEMS CAN BE AVOIDED AND AFRICA MAY ESCAPE BITTER INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT.

2. COMMENT: MFA'S DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS BIDEIWI IMPLIED TO POLCOUNDS AUGUST 5 THAT HE HAD INSPIRED AHAM ARTICLE. ARTICLE DOES ECHO MFA VIEWS, I.E., USG IS MAKING FINE SPEECHES ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT HAS SO FAR NOT FOLLOWED THROUGH IN ANY IMPORTANT PRACTICAL WAY.

3. POLCOUNS PROVIDED BIDEIWI FULL TEXT OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH AND WE WILL MAKE SURE FAHMY GETS TEXT IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALEXANDRIA AUGUST 6. SECRETARY'S MESSAGE AND COPY OF SPEECH

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